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## **Reverends Don & Ann Coleman of Lincoln Receive ‘National Parents of the Year’ Award**

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Chuck Hagel (R-NE) on presented the ‘National Parents of the Year 2000’ award to Reverends Don and Ann Coleman of Lincoln, Nebraska., today in Washington, D.C.

“In an era when so many problems can be attributed to the breakdown of the family, it is important that we recognize the selflessness shown by the Colemans in raising their own children and in helping countless others,” said Hagel. “This award recognizes the many contributions the Colemans have made to their family, community and country.”

Since 1994, Parents’ Day has been observed nationally on the fourth Sunday of every July. Typically, the national Parents’ Day Council honors one couple in the nation for its ‘National Parents of the Year’ award, but this year the Colemans will share the honor with John and Cheryl Carnwath of Maryland. This prestigious award recognizes mothers and fathers who represent the highest standard of responsible parenting and unconditional love for their children.

“As a parent, I have the greatest admiration for the Colemans’ love, energy and steadfastness in raising their five grown children,” added Hagel. “As a lawmaker, I am grateful for their desire to instill responsibility and a sense of purpose into young people in their community.”

In 1993, the Colemans established MAD DADS (Men Against Destruction - Defending Against Drugs and Violence) and subsequently MOMS (Mothers Offering Moral Support). These organizations provide material and spiritual needs for at risk youth and counseling for the mothers of teenagers.